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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: GY, CU, CY, BW  
SUBJECT: FONMIN WILLS COMMENTS ON SUBJECTS AT COMMONWEALTH  
MEETING

1. DURING MEETINGS JUNE 2 AND 3 IN HIS OFFICE, FONMIN WILLS  
DISCUSSED TOPICS WHICH HE SAID WOULD ARISE AT THE LONDON  
COMMONWEALTH MEMBERS' MEETING BEGINNING JUNE 8. HE SAID  
HE FEARED THAT THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUE AND THE QUESTION  
OF SPORTS EXCHANGES WITH SOUTH AFRICA MIGHT CAUSE THE  
CONFERENCE TO BOG DOWN. HE ALSO COMMENTED ON CYPRUS AND  
ST. KITTS.

2. CONCERNING CYPRUS, WILLS INQUIRED CONCERNING THE CURRENT  
US POSITION. I BRIEFED HIM DRAWING ON CFR NO. 15 OF APRIL 13.  
WILLS SAID THAT THE BRITISH, AUSTRALIANS AND KENYANS WOULD  
BE RAISING THE CYPRUS ISSUE IN LONDON. IN AN EFFORT TO  
ACCOMMODATE THE THREE, GUYANA WAS PREPARED TO SHIFT  
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SOMEWHAT FROM RIGID POSITION ADOPTED IN NAM. WILLS DID  
NOT WANT TO TAKE POSITION WHICH WOULD MAKE MORE DIFFICULT  
US EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE A SOLUTION. BECAUSE OF ITS  
INTERNAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS, HOWEVER, GUYANA WOULD OPPOSE ANY  
SOLUTION CALLING FOR PARTITION OF CYPRUS. I TOLD HIM  
THAT US POSITION WAS TO ENCOURAGE A SOLUTION THAT BOTH  
SIDES COULD ACCEPT AND WHICH HAD A REASONABLE

CHANCE OF BEING IMPLEMENTED.

3. ST. KITTS' INDEPENDENCE WOULD ALSO BE A TOPIC OF DISCUSSION IN LONDON. BRADSHAW HAD STOPPED IN GUYANA AND HAD SAID THAT THE ALTERNATIVES FOR ST. KITTS WOULD BE TO TAKE A REFERENDUM IN FAVOR OF INDEPENDENCE WITH THE BRITISH RETAINING RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE OR TO PERSUADE ANOTHER COMMONWEALTH COUNTRY TO TAKE OVER THESE FUNCTIONS. BRADSHAW HAD ASKED GUYANA IF IT WOULD TAKE ON THIS RESPONSIBILITY. WILLS CLAIMED THAT HIS CONTACTS IN ST. KITTS HAD INFORMED HIM THAT CUBAN REPRESENTATIVES HAD BEEN URGING POLITICIANS THERE TO URGE GUYANA TO ACCEPT THESE RESPONSIBILITIES. LATER ONCE INDEPENDENCE HAD BEEN ACHIEVED AND GUYANA FOUND THE BURDEN TOO HEAVY, THE CUBANS COULD MOVE IN AND PROVIDE THE ASSISTANCE.

4. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUERY, WILLS SAID THE CUBANS HAD NOT APPROACHED THE GUYANESE YET, BUT HE EXPECTED THEY WOULD EVENTUALLY DO SO. WILLS SAID GUYANA'S POSITION WOULD BE TO REFUSE TO TAKE ON THIS RESPONSIBILITY. IN THE FIRST PLACE GUYANA'S ECONOMIC AND MILITARY SITUATIONS WOULD NOT PERMIT IT. SECONDLY, IT WOULD BRING ALL SORTS OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS. THE CUBANS, HE SAID, WERE SIMPLY LOOKING FOR A WAY OF EXTENDING THEIR INFLUENCE.

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